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SUBJECT:CITRUS FUNGICIDE PROBLEM

1. IN MEETINGS JANUARY 8 AND 9, MATSUOKA, AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY AND SAWAMURA INFORMED U.S. OFFICIALS THAT THE GOJ BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ALL SCIENTIFIC AND TECH-
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NICAL ASPECTS OF THE MUTIGENICITY PROBLEM IN AN EFFORT TO

REACH A MUTUALLY AGREED SOLUTION. GOJ WOULD LIKE THE U.S. TO SEND SPECIALISTS TO JAPAN.

2. FOLLOWING DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF PURPOSE OF PROPOSED MEETING AND ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION FROM TOKYO GOJ HAS AGREED THAT MEETING WILL COVER ALL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF FUNGICIDE PROBLEM INCLUDING QUESTION OF MUTAGENICITY TESTING. SCIENTISTS WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT DEAL WITH POLICY ISSUES INVOLVED IN POSSIBLE CHANGES IN FUNGICIDE STANDARDS.

3. WE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO MAKE EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT TO RESOLVE PROBLEM AND ACCEPTED GOJ OFFER FOR EARLY MEETING OF SCIENTISTS IN TOKYO ON BASIS OF UNDERSTANDING INDICATED PARA 2 ABOVE. WE NOTED THAT USDA ASSISTANT SECRETARY BELL WOULD BE IN TOKYO NEXT WEEK AND SUGGESTED THAT HE MIGHT DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE GOJ OFFICIALS. GIVEN URGENCY OF RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM WE WOULD ENVISION MEETING WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. WE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT BELL COULD BEGIN TO EXPLORE INFORMALLY WITH GOJ OFFICIALS SCENARIO FOR MOVING TOWARD RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM FOLLOWING MEETING OF SCIENTISTS. MATSUOKA PROMISED REPORT ABOVE PROMPTLY TO TOKYO. KISSINGER

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